

# Project Update

## St Helens Active Travel Scheme

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The St Helens Road Active Travel Scheme aims to create a safe and efficient cycling corridor along the western side of St Helens Road. The works feature a new bi-directional segregated cycle route which will require alterations to the existing street layout, incorporating environmental improvements to pavements and footway surfaces.

The works include improvement of footway facilities with toucan crossings to be implemented at existing crossing points by Bonnywell Road and West Bridgewater Street.

Works started on Monday 30th September, with the aim for completion by Easter 2025.

### Work Carried Out In January

Work resumed after the Christmas break on January 7th (originally scheduled for the 6th, but heavy snow delayed the start). The lane closure was reinstated to allow BT, Virgin, and ENW to carry out cable diversions, as trial holes revealed that their cables would obstruct the new drains and kerb line. Due to this, progress on the footway and cycleway construction was limited, and work on these elements was postponed until the cables were relocated.

### Work Planned For February

Cycleway construction is scheduled to begin on February 3rd, starting in the areas where the cables have been diverted. This will include the southern section, from the linear park to Derwent Street, and the northern section, from Etherstone Street to Diamond Street.

The works will also cover the completion of the pedestrian crossings at both ends, although these will not be commissioned until all other work is finished.

